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REPORT

TOPIC

2. Interior Guard (Vnitřní stráž)

3. Troops and Military Installations in Prague

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REMARKS

This is UNEVALUATED Information

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2. Prior to early May 1954, the same program governed the training activity of Interior Guard (Vnitřní stráž) units and border guard units. A VS training center was located in Cesky Tesin (Q 90/O 88). Some PS soldiers of lower intelligence were reassigned to the VS unit stationed at Cesky Tesin. On the other hand, VS soldiers were also reassigned to PS units. Missions assigned to the Interior Guard, which was subordinate to the Ministry of the Interior, included the provision of guards for military installations, traffic routes, armament plants, and all mining installations. Units of the Interior Guard were quartered in barracks installations. The men of the Interior Guard wore the same uniform as army troops and border guards. As a distinctive feature, VS soldiers wore dark-blue service caps with red bands. They had red collar patches which mounted bronze-colored gear insignia including a transversal sword emblem. The cap band mounted a silver-colored star emblem which showed the Czech lion.

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3. In 1954, trucks which were occupied by soldiers wearing blue uniforms were observed leaving or entering the barracks installation just northeast of the Buzyne railroad station and on the east side of the highway toward Olany (J 51/P 50) in Prague. 4

4. Prior to October 1954, no soldiers were observed in the area of the Prokopa Holeks Barracks on ul. Petoceho in Prague. [REDACTED]

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5. The barracks installation in Vsesovice Borough, previous designation of which was the Jana Rohova a Dube Barracks, was occupied by motorized troops who wore caps with large enameled Soviet star emblems which were not worn by units of the regular Armed Forces. It was known that only good communists were drafted into these troops. Soldiers of this organization were frequently observed practicing with field telephones in the area just northeast of the installation. 6

6. It appeared that airman were located in the former Salesian convent in Kolofsky Borough in the northern sector of the city. A small military airfield where training activity with small aircraft was observed was located north of the convent. 7

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2. [REDACTED] Comment. Babylon is located in the area of the 9th PS Brig which is stationed at Potesovice. [REDACTED]

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Babylon is reported as a PS station for the first time.

3. [REDACTED] Comment. The VS uniforms have been described in a previous report. [REDACTED] The Gasty Tesin training center is reported for the first time.

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4. [REDACTED] Comment. The present report tends to indicate that the installation is occupied by air force or AAA units.

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5. [REDACTED] Comment. That the installation is used for civilian purposes is reported for the first time.

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6. [REDACTED] Comment. The installation is known to be a VS billets. Possibly, the 1st Wtz VS Brig is presently located there.

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7. [REDACTED] Comment. A previous report, dated 15 May 1953, indicated that the convent was occupied by the 15th AAA Regt of the 71st AAA Div.

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